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407th ECES helps Army medevac mission

Members from the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron structures shop, construct a aircraft large area maintenance shelter. When finished the shelter will house the Army medevac helicopter mission. "The helicopter mechanics used to have to wait until nighttime to work on the helicopters, due to dust storms, wind and heat," said Capt. Teresa Rose, 407th ECES operations flight chief, who is deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. "After the ALAM [shelter] is constructed, helicopter mechanics will be able to perform maintenance anytime of the day. Without the medevac mission, ground forces and convoys wouldn't be able to get the proper medical care they might need in an emergency. It makes me feel awesome that we are a part of supporting the ground troops fighting the war on terror."

Front Page photo



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jamie Shultz

Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron base multimedia center manager, photographs a security forces mission 'outside the wire' recently. Base photographers are charged with documenting the Air Force mission during both peace and war. Read more on Pages 6 and 7.

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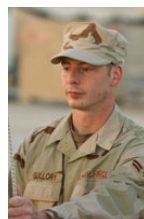
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As 5/6 leaves Bedrock...

AEF 7/8 407th AEG commander is now in place

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Colonel Donald M. Palandech assumed command of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group from Col. Michael J. Nowak Wednesday. The flag was passed by Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"You built on the successes of those before you to achieve much," said Colonel Palandech about Colonel Nowak and the men and women he led throughout AEF 5/6.

"Thank you for creating a bedrock of pride and professional practices that are now the persona of the 407th AEG. Thank you and your team for all you have done to prepare us, those who begin our turn," he added.

Colonel Palandech deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he is the deputy inspector general, Headquarters United Air Forces in Europe.

Colonel Nowak's successful AEF 5/6 rotation is marked by many accomplishments: Leading more than 1,000 Airmen and providing force protection leadership for 8,000 U.S. servicemembers and coalition personnel here, more than 3,200 C-130 combat airlift sorties, more than 900 coalition helicopter combat sorties, 120 Army helicopter medical evacuation missions that provided critical air support to coalition ground forces and aided in the elimination of more than 600 anti-Iraqi forces, and the continued training of the Iraqi Air Force's Squadron 23 (Transport) are only a few of these successes.

Colonel Nowak is returning to Eglin AFB, Fla., for a short time and then moving onto his next assignment at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

In his USAFE position, Colonel Palandech is responsible for improving operational readiness, nuclear surety, logistical

capability, and combat support and management effectiveness of all USAFE units.

Much of Colonel Palandech's attention—and that of the men and women of AEF 7/8—will be directed at strengthening the relationships and cooperation between the U.S. and coalition partners here.

"We commit ourselves to striving to further strengthen the fabric of cooperation with the Army units as we each perform our unique missions. We commit ourselves to continuing and improving our effectiveness within the team of many nations that has produced such outstanding results. We commit ourselves to provide our best effort, knowledge and assistance to assist Iraqi Air Force commanders and Iraqi force leaders as they tackle their difficult challenges," said the colonel.

After earning his navigator wings and Weapon Systems Officer qualification, Colonel Palandech served in fighter squadrons in the Pacific, Europe, and the United States. He became an instructor WSO in each of the F-4, F-111 and F-15E. He has served twice on the Air Staff and commanded at the squadron and group level, most recently as commander, 48th Mission Support Group, Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England.



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander 332d Air Expeditionary Group, Balad, Iraq, (left), passes the 407th Air Expeditionary Group flag to incoming commander Col. Donald M. Palandech here Wednesday during a formal change of command ceremony. Chief Master Sgt. Susan Ferguson, 407th AEG superintendent, looks on.

"We, a team of people from many nations and many walks of life, stand united in our commitment to make a better place for people to live their lives, raise their families, reach their dreams. I promise that the 407th Air Expeditionary Group—and I personally—will give 100 percent to this mission."

Col. Donald M. Palandech,
Change of Command Ceremony, Sept. 14, 2006



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ESFS personnel confiscate munitions, prevent attack on 9/11 anniversary

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

A combat patrol from the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron confiscated several rocket launchers aimed at Ali Base Sept. 11, 2005.

The rockets were discovered several miles from the base, as security forces drove through the area on a directed base-defense patrol mission in anticipation of retaliation of the Sept. 11, 2001 anniversary.

Security forces members interrupted the setup phase, therefore preventing release of the missiles. The insurgents had fled the area by the time patrol members arrived on scene.

"It's a great feeling knowing we could have potentially saved someone's life from a mortar attack," said Staff Sgt. John Howell, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron fire team leader, who along with his crew found the rockets.

"Something like this really puts things in perspective for you," said Sergeant Howell, who is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. "I know this is the reason we do what we do, but until something like this happens you don't realize the magnitude of the job that we perform on a daily basis."

The incident is under investigation and Ali Base members are seeking information on the individuals who set up the rockets.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Special-



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Members of the 407 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron patrol the area outside Ali Base, keeping keen eyes on hundreds of square miles of land — it's a monumental task. Sept. 11 proves that they perform their jobs expertly.

ists specialists from the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron were called to the scene and the rockets were destroyed in place.

No one was harmed during the situation.

"I am continually amazed at the security forces member's dedication to duty in the face of adversity and threat," said Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expedition-

ary Group commander. "These men and women patrol the hot, dusty desert around the clock in order to keep each one of us on the installation safe."

The 407th ESFS is charged with defending the installation's perimeter and patrolling the 210 square miles surrounding the base to keep more than 9,000 U.S. and coalition forces safe from terrorist activity.

Heads Up...

Actions to take in the event of incoming activity

- ▶ If in a Bedrock, take cover behind barriers/sandbags, under furniture or equipment - stay put until "all clear" signal. Don IPE if available.
- ▶ If you're caught in an open area, lay flat on the ground and cover your head and neck, and don't move until you hear all clear

And always remember...

- ▶ Make sure you can retrieve your IPE within 10 minutes
- ▶ Report suspicious activities to the Law Enforcement Desk at 445-2322 and the Command Post at 445-2000 immediately.

Forging the way for other's to reciprocate a good attitude

As we head home after our time here at Ali Base and we make our first trip to our favorite mall or restaurant, it is important to remember where we've been and what we have been doing.

It may be harder than you think, as you approach the checkout counter and greet the person ringing up your items.

Being home, you of course, will have a smile on your face and skip in your step; however, you may be greeted with an unhappy look or blank stare, which says "what are you so happy about?"

Now what do you do?

You could take their negative attitude and discard it, or you can allow them to suck you in and treat them in the same less-than-desirable manner. I recommend you just let it roll off of you. Why you ask?

Well, it's all about attitude. You have just spent a long time away from home in really tough conditions, and you are glad to be back. Your choice to be glad to be home is just that, your choice and that person is practicing the right to be disgruntled.

So as the cashier rings you up and seems to be resistant to your cheerfulness take a second to do your part in brightening their day.

We, uniformed service men and women, know what sacrifice is and live it everyday. We fight for the very freedom those unhappy people enjoy the right to practice. However,

"If you want to get ahead in life you should figure out what it is you like about the job you're performing... and do it to the best you can... You will be surprised at how contagious your enthusiasm is to even the most disgruntled person."



Story and quote by Master Sgt. Todd J. Kern
407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant

it is our job to instill as much pride in the freedoms we fight for around the globe as possible.

The same goes for your daily routine, it's all about attitude. If you want to get ahead in life you should figure out what it is you like about the job you're performing, and do it the best you possibly can with as much dedication as you can muster. You will be surprised at how contagious your enthusiasm is to even the most disgruntled person.

Personally, my goal is to make people smile on a daily and even hourly basis. I work very hard at this task because I believe most people would rather not sweat the small stuff of life and press on with the things they love most. It seems that sometimes they just can't find the path to take.

So when you wake up in the morning whether it is here at Ali Base or comfy in your bed back home, let's first thank God that we are still alive and kicking. Then be glad we have another wonderful day ahead of us, because after all it's all about attitude!

Change of command

The 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron change of command is Sunday at 4 p.m. at the defender compound.

Ongoing construction

There will be ongoing construction on various parts of Airport Road from Saturday to Sept. 24. Personnel should use Broadway as an alternate route to avoid construction delays. For more information, call the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron customer service at 445-2237.

Driving in Bedrock

Driving through Bedrock is prohibited except for emergency vehicles and personnel performing official work tasks inside Bedrock, according to the 407th Air Expeditionary Air Group Instruction 36-01, Ali Base Rules of Engagement. Personnel are not authorized to pick up individuals for work inside Bedrock. However, commanders and first sergeants can designate a driver to assist with transportation of luggage for arriving and departing personnel. The speed limit throughout Bedrock is 10 miles or 16 kph. For more information or to request an exception, contact your unit first sergeant.

Bedrock quiet hours 24/7

Personnel are reminded to observe 24/7 quiet hour rules, according to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Instruction 36-01. There are shift workers and aircrew who live in Bedrock. This especially applies to common areas in the tent like the television section and the smoke pits.

Proper disposal of uniforms

Never throw uniforms in the trash. This is a serious force protection violation. Air Force personnel can dispose of unserviceable uniforms in the box in front of the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron supply tent in Bedrock. For more information, contact Services at 445-2812/2306.

Read about Ali rules, regs

Newcomers are reminded to read the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Instruction 36-01, Ali Base Rules Engagement, on the base Intranet.

Warning signs

Pay attention to unexploded ordnance warning signs around base! Due to recent UXO discoveries, the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron has placed several areas around the base off limits. Civil engineers caution base members to remember to stick to paved roads and don't travel across open fields for your own safety. If you see a UXO, report the information to security forces at 445-2600, command post at 445-2000, explosive ordnance disposal at 445-2012/2212, your commander and supervisor, and warn anyone in the area who could be harmed.



Behind the camera's lens

Base photographers document history for future generations

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Base photographers here are proving that a picture is truly worth a thousand words in fighting the war on terror.

"Our images tell the military story to the American public, our children and their children, and beyond," said Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel, base multimedia center manager and still photographer.

"Military photographers have had a tremendous impact on history and document the horrors of war," said Sergeant Hessel, who is deployed from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

In an age where information can be accessed instantaneously, one image can often change public opinion overnight.

"The men and women of the U.S. military are considered heroes in the eyes of most Americans, and I believe military photographers have played a role in that view," Sergeant Hessel said

Observers to history

Considering themselves observers to history, base photographers here have captured images of Iraqi citizens and Air Force Airmen meeting each other.

"I like knowing what I see is what someone else will see and maybe have a better understanding that not all of the locals hate us or want to bomb us," said Airman 1st Class Jamie Shultz, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron base multimedia center still photographer, who is also deployed from McConnell AFB.

"If no one saw what we were able to document, then people can assume that no one wants us here or needs our help. We are the eyes that everyone sees through," she said.

The photographers also documented the friendships formed between U.S. and Iraqi Air Force Airmen working together to refurbish the Iraqi Air Force.

"Shooting here is the truest sense of photojournalism," said Sergeant Hessel. "We tell the story as it happens.

"It's a target-rich environment, and I'm like a kid in a candy store," said Sergeant Hessel. "They (Iraqi citizens) are not acting any different because I'm around. It's survival for them, and I get to see them in their hour of need - in their own environ-

ment and uninhibited."

It's something his wife worries about. After all it's war, and more than two thousand servicemembers have died in Iraq.

His wife is not the only family member to burn the midnight oil praying for loved ones here.

A picture is worth a 1,000 words

"A picture that Sergeant Hessel took of me holding a little girl in my arms has helped to put my wife and son at ease," said Chief Master Sgt. Charles Aliff, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron security forces manager, who along with his subordinates have had their base defense and humanitarian missions documented by the photographers.

"Their (base photographers) work conveys a message to a larger community, military or civilian, of the significant contribution an individual or an organization provides in the defense of our nation and the universal fight against terrorism.

"The images they create educate, motivate and inspire confidence in the U.S. Air Force, and its role in the defense of freedom," Chief Aliff said, who is deployed from the Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo, Ohio.

Photography in a combat zone

The photographers have logged many hours accompanying Chief Aliff and the security forces members on convoy patrols throughout the 210 square miles surrounding the base to forge relationships with the locals and keep the more than 9,000 U.S. and coalition forces on the installation safe from terrorist attacks.

"The minute I go "outside the wire" my situational awareness increases," said Sergeant Hessel. "What we overlook on the



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Airman 1st Class Jamie Shultz, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron base multimedia center still photographer, photographs a Bedouin (nomadic Arabs of the Arabian, Syrian or North African deserts) child outside the base on a security forces mission to interact with locals and provide them a point of contact to call if they see suspicious or terrorist activity in the area. Touting an M-16 rifle and thirty pounds of camera equipment, the photographers often leave the safety of the installation's perimeter to document missions affecting base personnel here.

roads of America might kill you out here.

"The other day there was a soda can on the street. In America, it is just a can, but in Iraq that same can could blow your leg off. I don't take anything for granted outside the wire," he said.

Prior to deploying photographers are treated to a crash course in convoy operations and survival instincts. While outside the base perimeter, they also carry an M-16 but their preferred weapon of choice against the enemy is their camera.

"My camera is like security force's rifle

History

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– it's a part of me," Sergeant Hessel said about the camera and thirty pounds of photographic equipment he hauls around to get the perfect shot.

Base photographers know that landing the picture-perfect shot is not as easy as pointing a camera at a subject and hoping magic happens.

"Good photos incorporate all the elements: background, foreground and subject," he said.

However, the seasoned-photographer says the single most critical component of a good photo is the emotion caught in the image.

"A good photograph gives some insight into someone's life and personality," he said. "You almost have to be a part of the situation – to feel what they're feeling.

"I empathize with my subjects," said Sergeant Hessel, who, along with his wife, have two children.

Sergeant Hessel said he finds it easy to capture emotions when photographing the local Bedouin (nomadic Arabs of the Arabian, Syrian or North African deserts) population here, who often don't have basic necessities or the money to buy diapers or shoes for their children.

He's not alone.

"It's heart-aching to see kids run, sometimes barefooted over rocks and dirt, in weather that would be unbearable (100 to 130 degrees) to most, hoping that they'll get some water or food thrown at them," said Airman Shultz.

The photographers have to strike a delicate balance: remain an objective observer to history in the making, yet act as a conduit of emotion to portray humanity occurring.

"You have a split-second to take a picture," Sergeant Hessel said. "If you pause to take the photo on either end of that moment, you lost the photo."

Their photographs aren't just to adorn walls for aesthetic reasons. They can also impact the shape of Airmen's work environment.

"The battlefield commanders and the secretary of defense use our imagery as a decision-making tool for critical operational assessment," Sergeant Hessel said.

Safety and criminal investigators also use their photos to solve criminal cases or

assess safety mishaps.

"One day you maybe documenting a fatality, the next day you're documenting an awards ceremony," said Sergeant Hessel. "The job goes from one extreme to the next."

It's a dynamic mission that many individuals don't realize that photographers, who are assigned to the BMC, perform.

The multimedia center, or often referred to as visual information, is comprised of photo, video and graphics elements.

"The role of base multimedia center is to provide photographic, graphics and video support to the group or wing and those agencies assigned to it," said Sergeant Hessel. "Additionally, we provide a visual documentation program to ensure that Air Force wartime, contingency and humanitarian operations, and historical events are visually recorded," he said.

The multimedia center works hand-and-glove with the base newspaper, and photographer's and graphics specialist's products are often posted on the Air Force Web site (www.af.mil), which is visited by 750,000 weekly worldwide viewers, and various Department of Defense Web sites.

A girl in New York, a man in China or a woman in Spain can all plug into the Web sites and visualize the sounds, scents and textures of a war that seems far-removed from everyday life – from just one picture.

"I have received many phone calls and e-mails from friends that I have not heard from in years, some that have retired," said Senior Master Sgt. James Baarda, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmaster instructor, who had several pictures of himself training one of more than 100 Iraqi students here posted on the Air Force Web site.

"I sent all the pictures they (base photographers) took of me home," said Sergeant Baarda, who is deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan on a six-month deployment. "It's nice to send my family the occasional picture so they don't forget what I look like."

Documenting Air Force people and the mission is a privilege and responsibility Sergeant Hessel says he doesn't take lightly.

"It's pretty cool that my images will outlive me and my children," said Sergeant Hessel. "Imagine what history books would be like without pictures?"

For more information on the services the base multimedia center offers, call 445-2141.

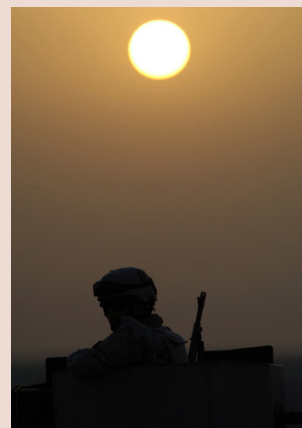
Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel's favorite pics



"This picture was taken during an Operation Reach Out mission. When I took the photograph all I could think about was my two-year-old daughter. I actually had to stop and compose myself before I could continue shooting. The men and women of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group are making a difference in their lives; it's worth the sacrifice."



"'History in the making' is what I was thinking when I was documenting flight line operations. I like how both the Iraqi and U.S. Air Force C-130s are together, and the young U.S. Air Force Airman is giving the thumbs-up to the Iraqi aircrew. It's a testament to the commitment our men and women have to seeing to the success of the Iraqi Air Force."



"This image was taken just before a live-fire exercise. What I like about it is the position of the sun in relation with the Airman in the Humvee. It's the calm before the storm, as security forces personnel fired all their weapons in their arsenal an hour later."

Command chiefs address Airmen's concerns

9/13/2005 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The chief master sergeant of the Air Force joined command chief master sergeants from Air Force major commands during a forum at the Air Force Association's 2005 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Sept. 12.

"This is truly a historic time in which we serve in the Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "Sixty-four percent of our force today is engaged 24/7 in projecting operations to sustain the military and national defense force."

The forum provided a platform for one of the most important aspects of a senior enlisted leader's job — communication with Airmen, Chief Murray said.

One topic concerned the possible future of physical fitness being tied to performance reports and promotions as a discriminating factor.

Although senior Air Force leaders are reviewing the issue, and there are proposals to document fitness levels on performance reports, nothing has been finalized, Chief Murray said.

The Air Force places an emphasis on the health, welfare and fitness levels that will be a factor for the future of the Air Force.

"(Fitness) is a readiness issue for us, and

we're not going to back away from that," Chief Murray said. "It is my great concern about Airmen we place in situations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other places ... about how fit they are to be there — physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally."

Another training-related question revealed concerns about the role of Airmen in the war on terrorism. As more and more Airmen see combat up close and personal, Air Force officials are finding ways to prepare them for it.

Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, from Air Combat Command, said the command has an air expeditionary combat Airman's course at every base that teaches basic life-saving skills needed in a combat environment.

The Air Force goes through a validation process for requirements that a forward-deployed commander sees as needed to fulfill the mission.

By using this validation process, "we will only send the number of people that a commander needs, and then ensure those people are properly trained for the job in which they are needed," Chief Popp said.

"We are in a constant state of training for all Airmen," Chief Murray said. "It is also important to recognize how well we have taken lessons learned and used those



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray moderates a command chiefs' panel during the Air Force Association's 2005 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Sept. 12. The panel consisted of command chiefs from across Air Force major commands. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

lessons learned to update our training needs."

A question was also raised about proper wear of the uniform and rules for the wear of the fitness uniform.

"In October we will have a uniform board to address these and many other issues," Chief Murray said. "We have a lot of uniform issues right now ... we're working to field a new utility uniform, and we're working to get you an updated (Air Force Instruction 36-2903)."

Ali Speaks

What tips do you have to pass onto AEF 7/8 members for a successful deployment?



Master Sgt. Ricardo Ramirez, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"Maintain a good attitude and don't sweat the small stuff. Don't try to push the limits or sooner or later everyone will find themselves under restrictive conditions and always remember to take some time for yourself."



Master Sgt. Gregory Jones, 407th Expeditionary Financial Management

"Work hard, play hard, stay paranoid and make new friends. You may or may not have the opportunity to do this again in your lifetime, so make the best of it."



Staff Sgt. Kristina Pace, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

"Set goals, whether it is furthering your education, learning to speak Arabic or getting desert-"buff." Setting goals and striving for them will make time fly by."



Airman 1st Class Ricardo Loredó, 407th Air Expeditionary Group

"Don't listen to rumors, don't count the days, make the days count, and have a goal in mind while you are here."



Increased per diem at theater airlift hub

Rumor

I heard every day you're at the airlift transit point your per diem increases to \$96.

Fact

It's false. The first 24-hours you are transitioning into the Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility your per diem is \$98. However, after that initial 24-hour period at the very beginning of your temporary duty, your per diem drops to the AOR-wide standard of \$3.50. This rate does not change, irrespective of where your travels may take you, once you are in the AOR. Therefore, when you transition home back through the airlift transient point your per diem rate does NOT change.

This question was answered by Capt. Bryan Collins, 407th Expeditionary Financial Management, at 445-2690.

Heard a rumor...

Don't speculate. Get the facts by e-mailing the Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil or call Chief Master Sgt. Susan Ferguson, 407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent.



Touch a life today

Donate supplies or volunteer to help Operation Reach Out, an Ali Base program designed to help local people in need.

Operation Reach Out is currently seeking volunteers from each squadron to help with organizing future events.

The following items are needed for donations: clothes for all ages and sizes, shoes (all sizes), soccer balls and footballs, yo-yos, toys (nothing religious), frisbees, food (no pork products), hygiene items and infant items.

For more information or to volunteer your time, contact Senior Airmen Kelly Vanamburg and Justin Kitts, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, at 445-2232.

407th AEG Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Larry Phillips



Unit: 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Duty title: Ground Radio Maintenance assistant noncommissioned officer in charge

Home station: McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: A highly dependable worker, he maintains 647 land mobile radios, 11 giant voice system nodes and 19 portable air to ground radios. He completed a 100 percent solar panel install on the giant voice system, so it can self sustain during outages.

What is your most memorable Air Force experience: Taking an incentive flight on an Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft and learning about its mission

Hobbies: Building radio-controlled cars, customizing cars, traveling and water sports

Identify This



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? If you can identify the object, e-mail us at Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. the following Friday. All correct entries will be placed in a box and **three winners** will be **randomly selected** at the following week's **Combat Bingo** at 7:30 p.m. at the Hot Spot. *Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.* The three winners will **win a complimentary t-shirt or coin** from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The Sept. 2 *ID This* winners, who correctly identified the baby wipe, are Tech. Sgt. Derrick Lock, 407th Expeditionary Financial Management; Staff Sgt. Jeannie Jimenez-Martinez, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Steven Shin, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.



Team Ali pays tribute to 9/11 victims



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

(Left/above) Master Sgt. Paul Richmond, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, hoists the U.S. flag, and the Port Authority Flag of New York and New Jersey Sunday. Sergeant Richmond is deployed from the Ohio Air National Guard and flew more than 30 flags over Iraq to honor the victims of Sept. 11, 2001. The flags will be shipped back home to various fire and police stations and to the victim's families.



(Left/clockwise) Honor guard members Tech. Sgt. Gregg Rankin, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Steven Shin, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airman Adam Merrill, 407th ESVS; and Senior Airman Sheryl Washington, 407th ECES, lower the flag during a 9/11 retreat ceremony Sunday. For more information on how to join the honor guard, call Tech. Sgt. L.J. Kincade, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, at 445-2136.



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Continuing commitment

(Back left to right) Master Sgt. Kristy Walker, former 407th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron first sergeant who is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Master Sgt. Jennifer Smith, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron who is deployed from Moody AFB, Ga.; and Tech. John Bell, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter with the New York Air National Guard, are administered the oath of reenlistment Sunday by their respective commanders. **(Right front)** Lt. Col. Michael Bauer, 777th EAS commander who is deployed from Little Rock AFB, Ark., is pictured reenlisting Sergeant Walker. "I wanted to reenlist on 9/11 to show respect and solidarity with the Iraqi Air Force," said Sergeant Smith. "I am humbled by the Iraqi's who, in spite of the many adverse conditions they face in their own country, are diligently and purposefully trying to make their country a better place."



Just for Fun

Presented by the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

Today

4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain, Army fitness center
7 p.m., Billy Blanks Tae Bo (live) at Army Rec Center
7:30 p.m., Bingo followed by a movie at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Step Aerobics at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Saturday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
6 a.m., Billy Blanks Tae Bo (live) at Army Rec Center
2:30 p.m., Pilates at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain
6:30 p.m., Advanced Step at House of Pain
7 p.m., Dominoes and Darts TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., Salsa Lessons at House of Pain
8 p.m., Quarterback Challenge at the basketball court

Sunday

3 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
6:30 p.m., Cardio Mix at House of Pain
7 p.m. Spades TNY; Dodgeball TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., Co-ed 2-on-2 Basketball at the basketball court
8 p.m., 8-Ball at the Hot Spot

Monday

4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain
7 p.m., Board Game Night at Army Rec Center
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
7 p.m., Board Game Night at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., 3 on 3 Basketball at the basketball court
8 p.m., Step Aerobics at House of Pain
8 p.m., Spades at Hot Spot
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Tuesday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
5:30 a.m., Yoga at Muscle Beach
2:30 p.m., Yoga at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain
6:30 p.m., Advanced Step at House of Pain
7 p.m., Ping Pong TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., Ping Pong at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain

Wednesday

2:30 p.m., Pilates at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain
8 p.m., Step Aerobics at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach
LFOR Comedy Show at Army Rec Center: time not available at publication deadline. Please call 833-1745 for more information.

Thursday

5:30 a.m., Tai Chi at Muscle Beach
5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
2:30 p.m., Tai Chi at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
6:30 p.m., Cardio mix at House of Pain
7 p.m., Texas Hold 'Em at the Hot Spot
7 p.m., Scrabble TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., 5-Card Draw at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
8 p.m., Music Night in the Courtyard at Adder Commons

Got ideas?

Give Services a call at 445-2696

For more information or to share suggestions, about 407th Services Squadron events, call 445-2696. For more information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center, call 833-1709. For more information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities, call 833-1745.

Cricket Movie Theater

at the

HOT SPOT



Today



The Rundown, 11 a.m.: When Travis (Scott), the son of an underworld kingpin, disappears in the Amazon in search of a priceless artifact, Beck (Rock), the kingpin's retrieval expert, is sent to get him. Starring The Rock, Seann William Scott, Rosario Dawson, Christopher Walken.



50 First Dates, 9 a.m., 11 p.m.: Henry Roth (Sandler), a veterinarian at an aquarium in Hawaii, falls in love with a girl, Lucy (Barrymore), with short-term memory loss, but he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship. Starring Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Rob Schneider, Sean Astin, Lucia Strus, Dan Aykroyd.



Hellboy, 1 a.m., 3 p.m.: When a Nazi mystical experiment goes awry in 1944, the target of a wizard's spell, the child of Satan, Hellboy, is wrenched from his home, and adopted by the U.S. agents who intercept his arrival. Starring Ron Perlman, John Hurt, Selma Blair.



Training Day, 7 a.m., 9 p.m.: A veteran officer (Denzel Washington) escorts a rookie (Ethan Hawke) on his first day with the LAPD's tough inner-city narcotics unit. Starring Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn



Torque, 5 a.m., 7 p.m.: Set in the fast-paced world of motorcycle racing, this action movie shows what happens to long-time biker (and non-gang member) Cary Ford (Henderson) when he is framed by a long-time rival, Henry (Schulze), the leader of a biker gang called the Hellions. Starring Charles Torquet, Francisco Torquemada.



The Longest Yard, 1 p.m.: The story of pro quarterback Paul Crewe (Sandler) and former college champion and coach Nate Scarborough (Reynolds), who are doing time in the same prison. Starring Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds.



The Sixth Sense, 3:15 a.m., 5 p.m.: In this chilling psychological thriller, eight-year-old Cole Sear is haunted by a dark secret: He is visited by ghosts. Starring Bruce Willis, Haley Joe Osment, Tony Collette.

Saturday

The Rundown: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 The Longest Yard: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 Hellboy: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 Torque: 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
 Training Day: 11 a.m.
 50 First Dates: 1 p.m.

Sunday

Training Day: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 50 First Dates: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 The Rundown: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 The Longest Yard: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 Hellboy: 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 11 a.m.
 Torque: 1 p.m.

Monday

The Sixth Sense: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 Torque: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 Training Day: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 50 First Dates: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 The Rundown: 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
 The Longest Yard: 11 a.m.
 Hellboy: 1 p.m.
 The Rundown: 11 p.m.

Tuesday

The Longest Yard: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 Hellboy: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Torque: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 Training Day: 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
 50 First Dates: 11 a.m.
 The Rundown: 1 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 7 a.m.

Wednesday

50 First Dates: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 The Rundown: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 The Longest Yard: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hellboy: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 9 a.m.
 Torque: 11 a.m.
 Training Day: 1 p.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 11 p.m.

Thursday

Torque: 1 a.m., 3 p.m.
 Training Day: 3 a.m., 5 p.m.
 50 First Dates: 5 a.m., 7 p.m.
 The Rundown: 7 a.m., 9 p.m.
 The Longest Yard: 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
 Hellboy: 11 a.m.
 The Sixth Sense: 1 p.m.

Movie times are subject to change.

Have you given your protective mask any TLC this week?
You should be cleaning and inspecting your mask once each 7 days while here at Ali Base.



Spiritual Survival Gear

Today

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/service at mosque (behind DFAC)
6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service at Army religious activity center
7 p.m., Bible Study at RAC
7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal at Post Chapel
8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous at RAC annex

Saturday

5:30 p.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Kick the Camel (quit cigarette habit) club at RAC

Sunday

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
7:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service at post chapel
8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at AF chapel
8 a.m., Church of Christ Service at RAC
8:30 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service at Sapper Chapel
8:30 a.m., Sunday school at post chapel
9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant service at AF chapel
10 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service at Army Post chapel
10 a.m., Latter Day Saints service at RAC
10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at Camp Cedar
1 p.m., Gospel Service at post

chapel

7 p.m., Contemporary Worship service at AF chapel
7:30 p.m., Contemporary Christian service at Sapper chapel
8 p.m., AA at RAC

Monday

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Protestant Bible Saturday at Sapper chapel
7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship at AF chapel

Tuesday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
Noon, AA at RAC annex
7:30 p.m., Alpha course for military at AF chapel annex
7:30 p.m., Combat Bible study at RAC

Wednesday

7:30 a.m., Alpha course for military at AF chapel annex
6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Spanish Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., Midweek service discussion at new Army chapel
7:30 p.m., Protestant Evening service at post chapel
7:30 p.m., Men's Bible study at post chapel

Thursday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Ladies' Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., LDS study at RAC
7:30 p.m., Workman's Fellowship at RAC
7:30 p.m., A Man & His World Bible study at AF chapel

Mid East Culturgram

The Holy Quran

Without a single, universally recognized religious leader, Muslims around the world look to the Islamic book of scripture, the Quran, as the ultimate religious authority. Combined with the example set by the prophet Muhammad, the Quran provides guidance in all matters both religious and secular.

Muslims consider the Quran, the Jewish Torah and the Christian Bible to all be the Word of God to mankind. The Quran is distinctive, however, in that it completes – or corrects, depending on your perspective – Jewish and Christian scriptures. Prophets familiar to Jews and Christians, such as Abraham, Moses, and Jesus Christ figure prominently in the Quran, as do many of the stories that Jewish and Christian children learn at the synagogue or church.

There are some important differences, of course. The Bible is a history of God's dealings with mankind, spans millennia, and proceeds in a more or less chronological order. In addition, it is the product of many different authors, a long line of prophets from Moses to Malachi. In contrast, the Quran was delivered as a series of revelations over the space of 20 years. It is not a history, but rather a series of sermons. Its 114 *suras* are arranged by length, longest to shortest, not in the order in which they were received. It has only one author, namely God; all revelations were recited by Muhammad word for word and later recorded by his scribe, Zaid bin Thabit.

Despite their differences, the Quran, the Torah and the Bible all are designed to accomplish the same task: to bring God's message to mankind.

Did you know...?

...since the Quran was originally delivered in Arabic, translations are considered an "interpretation" rather than an authoritative Quran.

...many Muslims become professional "reciters", known for the beauty of their voices and exactness in reciting the Quran from memory.

...the Quran was not compiled until at least 12 years after Muhammad's death.

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Stay hydrated —
keep your belly wet!

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.